

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE**

### **Minutes of Meeting June 8, 2010 9:00 a.m.**

The June 8, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle in the Boards' office in Lacey, Washington. Present were Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle, Board Members Bill Lynch and Kathy Mix and Administrative Appeals Judges Kay Brown and Phyllis Macleod, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Debbie Joblonski, and Administrative Secretary Janet Buechler. Minutes of the May 11, 2010 meetings were read and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review which included the pollution, shoreline, forest practice, hydraulic, and environmental and land use appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed and the Case Statistics Report. Debbie Joblonski presented drafts of new charts which will better illustrate some of the statistical information tracked on the reports. Suggestions were made for further charting and comparisons.

#### **Appellate Update**

Andrea Doyle reported that *Sierra Club, et al v. Transalta, et al.* (PCHB No. 09-108) has been appealed to Thurston County Superior Court and the record had been sent to the Court Clerk. Kay reported that *Herman v. Ecology, et al* (SHB No. 04-019) had again been remanded back to the Shorelines Hearings Board by Spokane County and is in the scheduling process.

#### **Financial Update**

Robyn Bryant reported that the agency still maintains a budget surplus because of the vacant position. A portion of the savings will be used relative to the new space and consideration will be given to updating the law library.

General written information concerning temporary layoffs was distributed to everyone. An alternative plan will not be approved for the Environmental Hearings Office and the ten days as prescribed by the new law will be taken.

Robyn reported that OFM will be formulating the carry forward budget for the next two year cycle. This budget will need to contain the Growth Management Hearings Board figures due to the impending merger in 2011.

Robyn also stated that the upgrade and fixes to the database have been ordered and should be in place prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was discussion that further budget cuts are likely, due to the Department of Information Services efficiencies and the question of federal monies being available to the state as was planned.

### **Rulemaking Update**

Kay Brown indicated that the rules changes had not yet been filed with the Code Reviser. The Shorelines Hearings and Pollution Control Hearings Boards rules are still being reviewed and edited by the Boards. Publication will be in the July 7<sup>th</sup> Register with a publication meeting some time after July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Building/Move Update**

Andrea stated that the cost estimate for the buildout is complete and within budget. Until the building permit is obtained and a pre-construction meeting is held, there will not be a firm completion/move date. The public is being informed of a pending move through a notice on the website, written notices going out with all correspondence and notice given in the scheduling letters and at the pre-hearing conferences. Robyn discussed the new phone numbers that will be assigned.

### **Miscellaneous**

Andrea announced that alternate Shorelines Hearings Board member Judy Barbour will be retiring from the City of Seattle. She will no longer be serving as an alternate board member and a new alternate will be appointed by the Association of Washington Cities.

Meeting adjourned.

Janet Buechler  
Administrative Secretary